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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff
VIA: Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff *ELP*
FROM: Chairman, SIGINT Committee
SUBJECT: Charter for the National ELINT Group
REFERENCE: DIRNSA memo, Same Subject, dated 13 June 1983 (Attachment 1)

1. Action Requested: Sign the attached memorandum to DIRNSA (Attachment 2). (U)

2. Background/Discussion:

a. The National ELINT Group (NEG) is an extension of the Community working group which participated in developing the 1982 National ELINT Plan. NSA proposed chartering an interagency panel to oversee implementation of the NEP objectives, some of which were addressed at the recent ELINT Review Group meeting sponsored by General Faurer and which you attended. (U)

b. The charter has gone through several iterations, largely at the insistence of our representatives that the group not be empowered or expected to perform functions which duplicate currently established mechanisms or which are clearly not DIRNSA prerogatives. (U)

c. The present charter, when viewed within the context of the National ELINT Plan process, is acceptable to us, and we understand that the other participating agencies have no objections. However, some of the wording in paragraphs 3c and 3d concerning program review and policy matters needs to be addressed in such a manner as to make clear our understanding of their implication. (U)

3. Recommendation: That you sign the attached memorandum to General Faurer expressing our desire to support and participate in the effort, and indicating our interpretation of the role of the NEG in policy and program matters. (U).

Attachment:
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Director
Intelligence Community Staff
Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT: Charter for the National ELINT Group (U)

REFERENCE: DIRNSA Memorandum, Same Subject, Serial: [REDACTED]
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1. The charter for the National ELINT Group (NEG) has been received and reviewed by my staff. When viewed within the context of National ELINT Plan (NEP) objectives, it should provide useful guidance for Intelligence Community involvement in the coordination of those actions related to the NEP process. In this connection, I am reminded of the well-presented and productive ELINT Programming Conference of 25 May 1983, in which I was pleased to participate. Complicated and difficult issues were clarified, and I am encouraged that considerable progress is being made to advance the US ELINT mission. (U)

2. With regard to the charter, I offer the following observations for your consideration:

a. Our interpretation of paragraph 3c is that the NEG will function as a coordinative and deliberative body in matters pertaining to policy and program development: one given to maintaining a continuing awareness of ELINT program initiatives, with no oversight responsibility.

b. Our understanding of the intent of paragraph 3d is that the NEG will stimulate the exchange of ideas, foster the dissemination of policy and planning matters, but not engage in the development and promulgation of ELINT policy. (U)

3. With the above considerations in mind, you can be assured of continued Intelligence Community Staff support to and participation in the NEP process and the NEG. Pertinent information concerning the ICS representative, [REDACTED] of the SIGINT Committee Staff, has been registered with the NEG secretariat. (U)

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